

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
M. TAKAHASHI, et al.

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Serial No.: To Be Assigned Art Unit: To Be Assigned
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For: Float For Liquid Waste Disposal Apparatus

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

After assigning a serial number to the above-captioned application and before calculating the fee, kindly undertake the following changes:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend ~~claims~~ 3 and 6-9 as follows:

Please substitute the amended ~~Claim~~ 3 for the original Claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The float for a liquid waste disposal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the flow path is structured having an interstitial portion formed between the sidewall of the float body and the inner wall of the container and/or an interstitial portion formed between the float body and the guide member arranged at the outer peripheral portion of the float body.

Please substitute the amended ~~Claim~~ 6 for the original Claim 6 as follows:

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